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The Arizona Foster Care and Adoption Coalition Present Appreciation Awards

(Phoenix, November 1, 2005) Rachel Ostro of Phoenix, a case manager with Child Protective Services, was recognized by the Arizona Foster Care and Adoption Coalition for her dedicated work with foster and adoptive care. She was nominated by foster parents Laurel Stinson and Joli Stych of Litchfield Park.

Gay Rubey, an adoption case manager with the state Department of Economic Security – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES–DDD), was recognized by the Coalition for her dedication to foster care and adoption. She was nominated by Amy Filas, DES – Division of Children, Youth, and Families Program development specialist and Melissa Kushner, DES – DDD adoptions supervisor.

Linda Brown of Phoenix, a case aide with the Department of Economic Security – Administration for Children Youth and Families, was also recognized by the Coalition for her dedicated work with foster and adoptive children. She was nominated by Cynthia Valencia, a recruiter with Aid to Adoption of Special Kids.

Nominations were open to any individual in the state who continually “goes the extra mile” in assisting children achieve permanency in their home life. This was the fourth annual recognition event. The awards were presented during the Children Need Homes Conference on Thursday, October 20, 2005, at the Hilton Phoenix East in Mesa.

The conference was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Economic Security – Division of Children, Youth, and Families. The theme of this year’s conference was “Through the Eyes of a Child: A Place to Belong.”

Ten awards were presented to Arizonans at the event. Other recipients included Linda Cunningham of Tucson, adoption subsidy supervisor with the Department of Economic Security – Division of Children, Youth, and Families; Lynne Van Gould of Mesa, licensing worker with the ARISE Agency; Carol and Ross Grimand of Hereford, foster parents; Danielle Delacio of Tucson, foster parent; Tim and Lynn McMurray of Mesa, foster and adoptive parents; Julie Rosario of Tucson, supervisor with Catholic Social Services; and the Honorable Suzanna S. Cuneo of Tucson, Superior Court Commissioner, Pima County Juvenile Court.

